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In re Application of:)	
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Susumu HOSHINO et al.)	
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Application No.: 10/791,670)	Group Art Unit: 3723
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Filed: March 3, 2004)	Examiner: Unassigned

For: DRESSING TOOL, DRESSING DEVICE, DRESSING METHOD, PROCESSING
DEVICE, AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE PRODUCING METHOD

Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English language search report is enclosed from the PCT Application from which the present application is a continuation.

The non-US documents include machine translations from the JP^o website except JP 2001-162513. The relevance of JP 2001-162513 can be understood from the figures therein and the attached abstract.

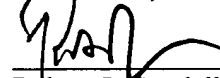
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Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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